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SHIPWRECK CLAIMS 23 VICTIMS

**Liner Bear Goes on Rocks
Near Cape Mendocino, and
Life Boat Is Capsized After
Leaving Doomed Vessel**

Eureka, Cal., June 15.—A lifeboat containing 23 persons, it is estimated, capsized in the surf near Cape Mendocino after leaving the wreck of the coast liner Bear early this morning, according to reports of survivors brought here today. The fate of those thrown into the surf is unknown. Most of them are said to have been women and children. Five bodies have already washed ashore near Cape Mendocino.

Twenty-nine survivors, supposedly from the boats which were beached at the river mouth, have reached Cape Town, where they are being cared for by citizens.

First Assistant Engineer Hansen is reported missing. As far as can be gathered from the hysterical stories told by the survivors, many of the passengers and crew of the Bear perished.

Captain Louis Nopander and three sailors are still aboard the wreck, which is being heavily pounded by the great seas crashing over the reef. When the passengers and crew were taking to the boats at midnight, Captain Nopander refused to leave his bridge. Three men decided to remain with him. Plans for their rescue are being made.

The Bear is believed a total loss. It has not yet manifested any signs of breaking up, but it is believed when the heavy swells disentangle her from the rocks she will sink in deep water.

Fourteen lifeboats left the Bear when it crashed upon Blunt's reef last night. Nine reached the lightship Blunt's Reef, landing sixty persons, who were later transferred to the tug Relief and the steamer Grace Dollar. The Relief reached Eureka with its survivors at noon. The Grace Dollar is expected in port this afternoon.

Two lifeboats were picked up by the Relief as it cruised near the Grace Dollar and the old battleship Oregon. Two other lifeboats passed safely through the surf and made a landing near the mouth of Bear river.

It was stated that there were 182 passengers and crew on the Bear. One hundred and thirty survivors are either at Eureka or en route here, and 29 have arrived at Cape Town, a total of 169 saved. If the statement of 182 passengers and crew is correct, this leaves 23 unaccounted for. Chief Officer Tibbets, arriving here with survivors, reported he had no difficulty handling the passengers when it was found the Bear must be abandoned.

The Bear struck about 10:25 p. m. At 4 a. m. today the old battleship Oregon and the merchantman Grace Dollar reached the scene in response to S. O. S. calls. With the dawn a beach patrol was established to watch for passengers and sailors reaching shore.

The coast is rocky and desolate. No definite word of the passengers' fate had been received here at 6:30 a. m.

Steaming through a thick fog last night, the Bear drove into a nest of jagged rocks thrusting into the sea near Cape Mendocino. The bow stuck fast, while the stern floated in deep water. A swell threatened to list the wreck off the rocks and sink it, while water rushed into the forward compartments.

With the shock and crash passengers ran on deck from their state-

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BOMB MAILED TO UTAH GOVERNOR EXPLODES IN CAR

Butte, Mont., June 15.—A bomb in a sack of mail consigned to Governor Spry of Utah, at Salt Lake City, exploded here today when the bag was tossed from a Northern Pacific-Oregon Short Line train. The interior of the car was completely wrecked.

A pile of mail bags behind which Messenger Ross Winterrown was standing probably saved his life. He was badly cut by flying splinters.

Detectives declared the bomb likely was intended for Governor Spry himself, for the mail bag contained nothing but official mail for the governor.

Governor Spry has received many threatening letters since the execution of Joseph Hillstrom, an I. W. W. street speaker, several months ago. Hillstrom was convicted of murder and chose to die facing a firing squad instead of by hanging. Great pressure was brought to bear from all quarters to prevent Hillstrom's execution, and Spry was threatened with death afterward.

HUGHES PLANNING FOR CAMPAIGN

New York, June 15.—The anti-hyphenate speech of President Wilson at Washington failed today to disturb the World standing on that question which Charles E. Hughes, republican candidate, has maintained since his nomination. He is not talking politics for publication—but indications are that he will have a mighty blast when he officially accepts the nomination.

Hughes will slip out of New York tomorrow to be away over Sunday, returning Monday to continue his work preliminary to the real campaign. He has not said yet whether it will be a front porch campaign or a campaign of many observation car speeches.

Impression here prevails that he will make at least one country-wide tour.

CARRANZA IS NOW LOSING HIS GRIP

Washington, June 15.—Evidence in the hands of administration officials tending to show gradual disintegration of the de facto government in Mexico continued to pile up today. This was contained in consular reports and private advices to members of the army general staff from officers and civilians in Mexico.

All these messages carrying reports of shaky economic conditions led officials to believe that the next few weeks may see developments which shall spell either a complete crumbling of the Carranza government or a decided change for the better. Officials today believed the first chief's government now is passing through its most difficult period.

Coincident with reports on economic conditions are other reports which cause optimism among war department officials. The officials declare that while sporadic attacks on the punitive expedition still remain a possibility, they have no real anxiety over safety of any troops now below the border. The troops, it is confidently believed, can take care of themselves.

ITALIAN JUDGES FOR RACE BETWEEN ITALIANS

Chicago, June 15.—Five Italians will sit as judges in the race Sunday between Darlo Resta and Ralph De Palma, both Italians, for the American speed championship, speedway officials announced today.

NOMINATION AT ST. LOUIS TONIGHT

**Convention Will Convene at
9 o'Clock This Evening for
Purpose of Naming Wilson
and Marshall as Nominees**

Coliseum, St. Louis, June 15.—Democracy's nominees for the presidency and vice-presidency will be named tonight. The convention agreed to this plan and may smash precedents by nominating before adopting the platform. Senator James declared this plan had not been definitely determined upon, a great deal depending on whether the resolutions committee is ready to report. If the committee is ready, the platform probably will be quickly adopted ahead of the nomination.

The renomination of President Wilson will be begun at 9 o'clock, with the speech by Judge Westcott of New Jersey. Seconding speeches will be limited to five minutes.

Following Wilson's nomination, John W. Kern will present to the convention the name of Thomas R. Marshall for vice-president.

Today's session was a picturesque one. Senator James, Kentucky's huge senator, spoke another democratic keynote, and it was a keynote of defiance; of boast of President Wilson's successful maintenance of peace and a profession of entire optimism that the people will perpetuate the Wilsonian policies.

James got almost as enthusiastic a reception as did the main keynote of the convention—former Governor Martin H. Glynn—in yesterday's session.

The convention yelled repeatedly for a speech from William Jennings Bryan, but at the first indication that he was being demanded the great commoner hurried from his seat in the press stand to the exit.

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3 SOLDIERS KILLED BY MEXICANS

**Troopers From 14th Cavalry
Meet Death in Clash With
Natives at an Early Hour
Today at San Ignacio**

San Antonio, June 15.—General Mann, commanding at Laredo, reported to General Funston today that troops I and M, 14th cavalry, were attacked at San Ignacio, south of that place, by about 100 Mexicans at two o'clock this morning. Two Americans were killed and 11 wounded in the fight, which lasted half an hour. Major Gray is pursuing the scattered bandits. No further details are known here.

The total American dead was raised to three when Major Gray wired Funston at noon that "Trooper James Minahan, troop M, died of wounds at 3 a. m."

Washington, June 15.—Official reports on the fight between Mexican bandits and troops I and M, U. S. cavalry, near San Ignacio, where two American soldiers and six bandits were killed and seven Americans wounded, was received at the war department this afternoon from General Funston. The fight lasted thirty minutes, Major Gray, commanding, reported.

A report from Funston, dated today, read:

"From General Mann, Laredo, troops I and M, 14th cavalry, at San Ignacio, were attacked at 2 o'clock this morning by about 200 Mexicans. After a fight of one-half hour, attacking party was driven off. Two soldiers were killed and seven wounded; will send names as soon as received. Bodies of six Mexicans and six wounded were found in brush. Clothing of dead men wet, showing they crossed river."

RAILROADS HAVE DECLINED TO MEET DEMANDS OF MEN

New York, June 15.—All demands of the railroad trainmen upon the railroads have been declined. Whether a strike will follow depends upon the verdict of the trainmen.

At a conference between the committees representing the trainmen and the railroads this afternoon, Chairman Elisha Lee, of the railroad managers, made a report declining all demands of the men. He made a counter-proposal to arbitrate differences. The arbitration proposal was refused by President Garretson of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, who said that the declaration of the railroads would be reported back to the men and upon their verdict would rest further negotiations.

CZAR'S ARMY IS STILL ADVANCING

Petrograd, June 15.—The Russian offensive concentrating just north of Cernowits in an effort to push through and cut off the defenders of the Bukovina capital from Lemberg on the north has succeeded, according to unofficial, though reliable, reports received here today.

The czar's soldiers have advanced along the Pruth practically to the gates of Cernowits, and have taken several points along the line of railway running toward Lemberg, the Galician capital. Kolomen is the objective of the north-of-Cernowits attack. Should this town fall Cernowits would be without direct railway communication with Lemberg, though it could be maintained and supplied with men from there by sending them on a wide detour to the west. A successful drive on Cernowits, with persistence in the offensive immediately to the north, would force the Austrians to the bitter expedient of retreating through the Carpathians.

Continuation of the attacks in the region of Kovel and Lemberg are reported to be without, however, the enormous gains of the first few days of the drive. Still other aggressives are reported against the German portion of the line north of Pinsk. Here the Russians have not been so successful as in the south.

NO INFANTRY ATTACKS ALONG THE MEUSE

Paris, June 15.—There were no infantry attacks on either side of the Meuse last night, said the official statement of the French war office today.

In the Vosges a German detachment which attempted to reach the French lines was repulsed.

VILLISTA LEADER LUJAN CAPTURED

United States Army Headquarters, near Namiquipa, Mex., June 14 (via Columbus, N. M., June 15).—Pedro Lujan, one of the leaders in the Columbus raid, was captured Tuesday at Tephaunes hacienda, 15 miles southeast of the 13th U. S. cavalry under Captain Turner.

Ismael Antivera, former Carranza officer, who turned bandit, is reported to be shot and killed by one of his followers.

Lujan was identified by scars and gold teeth, admitting his identity after several other Mexicans on the place denied it was the Villista leader. Lujan protested at first that he was only a poor peon. The United States troops surrounded the hacienda before sunrise.

PARADE OF THE ROSES FRIDAY

**Carnival Day Will Be Ushered
in With Procession of Dec-
orated Vehicles Followed
by Other Attractions**

The rose carnival parade will start from Evelyn avenue, near the head of Sixth street, at 10:30 tomorrow morning. The committee in charge urges all who will participate in this event to be on time.

Many prizes are offered and the parade promises to be one of the greatest features of the day. These prizes will be awarded to the winners at 5 o'clock, at the Smith building on G street, where the rose exhibit and baby show are to be held during the afternoon.

The Moose band will give a concert in the evening, the closing numbers of which will be the program for the street dance, in which all are invited to participate.

Following this street dance will be the rose carnival dance, in the Moose hall. Everybody is invited to attend and have a good time. Don't forget the prize waits to be danced at 10:30.

The "Made in Oregon" dinner to be served at noon tomorrow in the Oxford dining room by a committee from the rose show staff will prove a great success and it is promised that no such meal was ever served for the nominal price of 15c before.

Oregon products will be served exclusively and Oregon girls will wait upon the tables in the rose trimmed room.

Many Oregon firms have donated their wares freely and many thanks are due.

Following the dinner the rose exhibit will be held in the Smith building on G street, and the baby show will be in the same building from 3 until 5 p. m.

DOCTORS TAKE X-RAY OF TEDDY

New York, June 15.—Colonel Roosevelt probably will remain in New York until Friday evening while his doctors "tinker" with him. The colonel is taking his indisposition lightly and with considerable amusement.

"I will go back to Oyster Bay as soon as I can, but I suppose the doctors will want to keep me up here to tinker with me a bit," he said today.

Dr. E. W. Caldwell, who took the X-ray plates yesterday, will not be ready to announce results of the examination until about 11 o'clock, at which time the plates will have been dried.

Politically, Roosevelt remains silent, although he is preparing to receive political callers today.

CALIFORNIA CONGRESSMAN BREAKS RIBS IN FALL

Washington, June 15.—Congressman Julius Kahn of California today was said to be much improved from the effects of a fall which physicians feared might prove serious. He fell while exploring the Luray, Va., caverns, breaking five ribs and receiving other injuries. Fact of the accident became generally known only after the physicians today announced Kahn out of danger.

J. A. Slower returned last night from Medford, where he spent the day on business.



PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON.